

A Report on Samuel Green

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Samuel Green was a real American pioneer. He may have come from Long Island, although that fact is disputed by one of our sources. What is certain is that he came to Hunterdon County around 1705, and moved from there to Warren County (our county!) with his children and his third wife in 1737, surveying land for the British government. He apparently owned almost all of Hope Township (which then encompassed Liberty Township, where we live) and a bit of the south of Oxford township. His house was probably not the Green-Parks House at the lake, and in fact it is not certain that he was ever at the lake at all. The lake, funnily enough, is known to to have been called Green's Pond, so it might have been named after Green Jr or one of Green's other descendants. He probably had a log cabin in Warren, and since log cabins tend to fall apart, it makes sense that no one has found it. However, he was a rich man, and he might have had a stone house by the time he died, in 1760.

Samuel Green had a son, named Samuel Jr, who many people confuse with him. He was born in 1795 and died in 1875. He did not, like many of Green's descendants (who were mostly staunch British supporters), move to Canada in the Revolutionary war, but he did move to Pennsylvania during the French and Indian war. He moved back to Warren after the war.

This brings us to the Green-Parks house. The Green-Parks house is a bit of an enigma for us, as almost all our sources disagree on who the owner was and what happened to it. We were unable to trace the deeds back because the house had been repossessed at one point, which made extremely hard to trace it back any further. What we do know is that it probably wasn't Samuel Green's House, but it might have been one of his descendants. Its an interesting start if we decide to revisit the Greens.

Sources:

Old Hope by Frank Dale

Liberty Township 75th Anniversary, compiled by Kathy Bohm

Driving Tour of Historic Homes and Buildings in Warren County by Kathy Bohm

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